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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

SUBJECT: Implementation of ICAPS' Survey

1. Reference paragraph 7 of memorandum from the Executive Director, dated 20 July 1947, subject as above, the following action has or is being taken:

a. Sub-paragraph a. The "A" Wire Service of FBIH was discontinued on 4 August, and the "A" Wire Service of FBIH was extended for one additional hour daily.

b. Sub-paragraph b. Preliminary investigation has disclosed that the final disposition of captured documents is subject to the provisions of JCS 950/15, dated 13 August 1946, (approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 28 August 1946,), paragraph f of which states: "Captured Japanese records will be filed in the archives of the Department having a major interest in the records involved ...". Since Foreign Documents Branch does not have custody of captured German documents, paragraph g, JCS 950/15, is not applicable. It is, therefore, recommended that the Director of Central Intelligence initiate action on the part of the Joint Chiefs of Staff either:

(1) To authorize CIG, Office of Operations, Foreign Documents Branch, to determine "the Department having a major interest in the records involved" and to allocate the documents on an arbitrary basis to the Army, Navy, and Air Force Departments.

(2) To take necessary steps, such as the appointment by the JCS of an inter-service ad hoc Committee, to determine which Department has major interest in the documents, to consider the claims of other agencies, (such as the Department of Commerce for technical documents) and to establish approved procedures by which CIG may dispose of documents which have already been exploited for intelligence purposes or which have no technical, scientific, or intelligence value.

c. Sub-paragraph c. Action necessary for the discontinuance of routine accession lists of captured documents is under survey by the Office of Collection and Dissemination and Foreign Documents Branch.

Special accession lists of important captured documents dealing with the USSR will be continued as required.

Arrangements for "...the publication of bibliographies by machine records..." will not be undertaken by Foreign Documents Branch, since the operation of machine records and the preparation of select bibliographies by machine methods are among the functions of the Reference Center, Office of Reports and Estimates. Foreign Documents Branch will, however, compile all relevant bibliographical and locational data on current foreign language documents of intelligence value. Discussions between the Office of Operations and the Office of Reports and Estimates are being initiated to ensure that this material will be in a form suitable for inclusion in the appropriate Reference Center machine files.

d. A coordinated program for the exploitation of foreign documents for basic intelligence information according to definite requirements and established priorities is being prepared by the Office of Operations in conjunction with the Office of Collection and Dissemination.

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